if so, to which place and on what pay;

(*d*) why was he transferred?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Mr. Innocent Pappali.

(*b*) Rs. 150.

(*c*) Yes.

To the Police Department as 1st grade Inspector of Police in the grade of Rs. 80—100.

(*d*) He was only reverted to his permanent place.

POSTS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE STAFF SELECTION BOARD—PROMOTIONS TO

33. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether there is a rule that persons appointed by the Heads of Departments as peons, etc., should not be promoted to posts which actually are under the purview of the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The rule is this: There will be no automatic promotion to appointments which are within the purview of the Board from posts which Heads of Departments are allowed to fill up. Promotions in deserving cases can only be made with the approval of Government.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether if promotions are granted as per this rule, the communities from whom they are not taken will not be prejudicially affected?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There are no communal questions in promotions.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* That is not the point. According to the Staff Selection Board Rules, appointments are to be made as per certain percentages allowed to each community. Now, if a peon is appointed from one community and subsequently he is raised to the place of a clerk above Rs. 20, certainly he will be stealing a march over the other communities whose members were not appointed as such.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* We are strictly following the Staff Selection Board Rules. The rules themselves provide that there shall be promotions in exceptional cases. The Board itself was constituted with that rule.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* If that be the case, it will set at naught the very purpose for which the Staff Selection Board was appointed. What exactly is the rule?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I have misplaced the file somewhere. But if I remember right, the answer printed there is the rule. I have copied it from the Staff Selection Board Rules.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What I submit is, when the Government approves of the promotions, that need not necessarily be as per the rules framed for the guidance of the Staff Selection Board. Therefore, what I wish to lay emphasis upon is that only according to the rules framed for the guidance of the Staff Selection Board need appointments be made. Suppose a gentleman belonging to community *A* is promoted to an appointment within the purview of the Board, to that extent the other communities suffer.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There will be no automatic promotion to appointments which are within the purview of the Board from posts which Heads of Departments are allowed to fill up, and promotions in deserving cases can only be made with the approval of Government. That is the rule. Only in deserving and exceptional cases are such things allowed by Government.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* When a promotion like that is made, will that be taken into account in settling the percentage according to the Staff Selection Board Rules?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No, it is not taken into account. If that is taken into account in arriving at the percentage there is no meaning in reserving power with the Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Are not the Heads of Departments asked to observe the rules of the Staff Selection Board in making appointments?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, they are observing the rules, and when they want to make an exceptional promotion, they report to Government who accord sanction for such appointment.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Are the appointments of peons made according to the Staff Selection Board Rules?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No. As a matter of fact, automatic promotions for peons as clerks are not sanctioned. It is only in exceptional cases that Government give the sanction. For instance, if there is a lines-man in a Municipality who has worked for 20—25 years and if the Chairman wants to promote him to a post on Rs. 15—20 which is strictly within the

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purview of the Staff Selection Board, in view of the long service and the service within the Municipality that he has put in, sometimes the Chairman might recommend him for special treatment and the Government might sanction it in very exceptional cases.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* So far as that appointment is concerned, the percentage of the various communities will be affected.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I cannot deny that it will affect the percentage to a certain extent. Now the position is all these are classed under menials and promotions from the menial establishment to the ministerial establishment is strictly prohibited, so that hereafter I do not think that this question will arise. Hereafter this question will have only an academic interest, because there will be no promotions of menials to posts within the purview of the Board. Such promotions are now also positively discouraged.

RUBBISH HEAPS NEAR THE TWO TANKS IN WARD No. IV, TRICHUR

34. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether in the vicinity of the two tanks in or near Ward No. IV of the Trichur Town rubbish is being heaped;

(*b*) if so, how long has it been done;

(*c*) does not the rubbish heap act as a breeding ground for bacteria and give out bad smell?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For the last 10 years.

(*c*) Particular care is taken to see that the place does not become a breeding ground for bacteria by immediate and timely removal of the rubbish in lorries.

There is, however, a proposal to shift the rubbish depot from this locality.

REFERENDUM WHEN IMPOSING FRESH TAXES

35. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether it is the intention or policy of Government to take referendum of the locality when fresh taxes are to be imposed and then to decide the question?

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